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SUBJECT: SIAD BARRE VISIT TO UK

REF: LONDON 10259 (NOTAL)

1. UK EMBOFF ON INSTRUCTIONS BRIEFED DEPTOFFS JUNE 29 ON
SIAD VISIT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: SIAD HAD SEEN PRIME
MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER AND MIN STATE ROWLANDS. ATMOS-
PHERE OF VISIT WAS "GOOD", AND SIAD WAS "PLEASED". SIAD
HAD STRESSED SOVIET THREAT IN HORN REGION, AND REGRETTED
OVERLY CAUTIOUS WESTERN RESPONSE. SIAD SHOWED LITTLE SIGN
OF MODERATING SOMALIA'S POSITION ON TERRITORIAL QUESTIONS,
AND ON THE OGADEN SAID THERE COULD BE NO PEACE UNTIL THE
WESTERN SOMALIS GAINED THEIR FREEDOM THROUGH SELF-DETERMINA-
TION. HE SAID SOMALIA WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE "MORAL AND
HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT" TO THE OGADENIS. RE KENYA, SIAD SAID
SOMALIA HAD NO TERRITORIAL CLAIMS, BUT THAT KENYA SHOULD
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GIVE SOMALI INHABITANTS SAME RIGHTS AS OTHER KENYANS. HE
ALSO LAMENTED "ARTIFICIAL ATTEMPTS TO CREATE HOSTILITY"
TOWARD SOMALIA IN KENYA.

2. CALLAGHAN REPORTEDLY REAFFIRMED UK VIEW THAT AFRICAN
PROBLEMS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH BY AFRICANS, AND AGREED WITH
SIAD BARRE REGARDING THE DANGERS OF SOVIET INTERVENTION. HE

NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT SOVIETS HAD GAINED A FOOTHOLD IN THE REGION THROUGH SOMALIA, AND ARGUED THAT SOMALI ACTIONS NOW GAVE SOVIETS AND CUBANS PRETEXT TO REMAIN. CALLAGHAN TOLD SIAD THERE WAS NO CHANCE OF ARMS FROM THE UK FOR SOMALIA AS LONG AS THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN SOMALIA AND KENYA REMAINED UNRESOLVED. HE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO SEE IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN KENYA AND SOMALIA, AND SAID ANOTHER EFFORT SHOULD BE MOUNTED IN THIS REGARD.

3. OWEN AND ROWLAND REPORTED TO HAVE DISCUSSED WITH SIAD POSSIBLE INCREASES IN UK ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA.

4. OWEN SPECIFICALLY WANTED DEPARTMENT TO KNOW IT WAS UK VIEW THAT IT WOULD HELP SOMALIS TO COMPLY WITH WESTERN EXHORTATION TO THEM TO GIVE UNEQUIVOCAL ASSURANCES OVER TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY IF OFFER OF DEFENSIVE ARMS COULD BE MADE. UK BELIEVED US MIGHT TAKE THIS IDEA INTO ACCOUNT IN CONSIDERING POSSIBLE ARMS SUPPLY PACKAGE FOR SOMALIA. DEPTOFFS INFORMED UK EMBOFF THAT QUESTION OF POSSIBLE US ARMS SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP WITH SOMALIA WAS STILL BEING ADDRESSED WITHIN USG, WITH NO FINAL DECISIONS YET MADE, BUT ASSURED EMBOFF THAT UK THINKING IN THIS REGARD WAS UNDERSTOOD.

5. COMMENT: THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME CONTRADICTION BETWEEN THIS UK SUGGESTION THAT US SUPPLY ARMS TO SOMALIA
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AND REFTEL REPORT THAT PREVIOUS INFORMAL ROWLANDS' RECOMMENDATION ALONG SAME LINES DID NOT REPRESENT HMG POLICY. NEVERTHELESS, IT APPEARS SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR THAT BRITISH, LIKE GERMANS, ALTHOUGH NOT PLANNING TO SUPPLY ARMS TO SOMALIA THEMSELVES, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND HELPFUL TO WESTERN INTERESTS GENERALLY IF US WERE TO DO SO.
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